

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 455 - SB 1398

March 11, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from issuing permits for surface coal operations within 100 feet of any water of the state unless such permit is for the improvement of the quality of streams previously disturbed by mining. Prohibits TDEC from issuing a permit for surface coal mining operations that alter or disturb a ridge line over 2,000 feet above sea level. Surface mining activities that are incidental to underground mining are exempt from these prohibitions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant

Assumption:

- A slight decrease in the number of permits issued or renewed. Any decrease in state revenues associated with a decline in permit issuance is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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